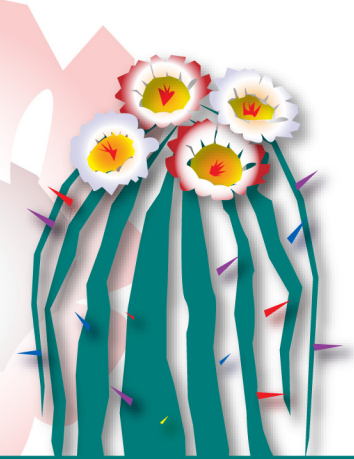




Barrel District Network News



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Travel Green Tips for the Summer

- Refuel when it's cool. Refueling during cooler periods of the day or in the evening can prevent gas fumes from heating and creating smog or "ozone". That helps to reduce unhealthy air days, especially in the summer.
- Don't top off your gas tank. It releases gas fumes into the air, which cancels the benefits of the anti-pollution devices on the pump. So stopping at the click reduces pollution.
- Use less gas. Not idling, maintaining your car, keeping your tires properly inflated and buying or renting low-emission fuel efficient cars will help you use less gas, save money, and reduce air pollution.

"Travel Green" in the City of Glendale provides information, tools, and resources to help residents, employers, and employees make wise choices when traveling. [Click here](#) to visit the Travel Green Web site.



Summer Recreation Drop in Program. This fun, supervised program features games, special events, sports, special guests, arts and crafts and awareness programs. It's summer fun for children who have completed kindergarten through those entering 8th grade in the fall. The program runs June 1-July 2, Monday-Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

There are two locations in the Barrel District: Copperwood Elementary School, 11232 N. 65th Ave., and Marshall Ranch Elementary School, 12995 N. Marshall Ranch Drive.

Registration will take place Saturday, May 16 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. and the Velma Teague Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. A one-time supply fee of \$35 for residents or \$55 for non-residents and an emergency card must be submitted before a child may attend. Beginning May 18, registration will be

taken at the Glendale Parks and Recreation Office, 5850 W. Glendale Ave. [Click here](#) or call (623) 930-2046 for more details and locations.

Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission. Applications are being accepted from high school students to serve on the Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission (MYAC) for the 2009-10 school year.

MYAC gives local teens the chance to share their views and ideas on a variety of youth-related issues firsthand with the mayor and work on community initiatives.

MYAC members organize the city's annual Glendale Student Government Day and produce and host Teens Today, a monthly show on Glendale 11, the city's cable channel.

Recently, commission members bought and donated new clothes to the Boys and Girls Club—Swift Kids Branch in Glendale as part of a community service endeavor the members organized themselves. Clothes were purchased with money raised from working at city of Glendale festivals.

MYAC members must commit approximately five hours per month to meetings and activities. Commission meetings are held from 7-8 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month at Glendale City Hall.

MYAC is limited to 50 members. To be eligible, teens must complete and submit a membership application, reside in Glendale and be enrolled in high school for the 2009-10 school year.

For more information or to download an application, [click here](#). The deadline to submit a completed application is Friday, June 5.

Around Town

Are You Ready to Be a Business Owner? David Moss, facilitator with the Maricopa Community Colleges Small Business Development Center (SBDC), presents “Should I Start My Own Business?” at 6 p.m. on Monday, May 18 in the auditorium of Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

This seminar is perfect for people who are in the early stages of starting a business. Find out the answers to the most basic questions prospective business owners have about developing a business plan, how to obtain financing, and types of business ownership.

The workshop is free. Registration is required; to sign up, call the SBDC at (480) 784-0590 or [click here](#).

Venomous Creatures of the Desert. Midwestern University (MWU) faculty is working with Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave., to provide an on-going series of free health lectures. The 90-minute programs take place at 7 p.m. in the Roadrunner Room. On Tuesday, May 19 – “Venomous Creatures of the Desert” – What do you know about the natural history and urban ecology of the more common venomous animals found in the Sonoran Desert? Learn about vertebrates (such as rattlesnakes) and invertebrates (such as scorpions and Africanized honeybees). Reservations are not necessary. Call (623) 930-3846 for more information.

Glendale Coffeehouse. The atmosphere is warm and friendly, and there is no better place to be at 7 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday of the month than the Glendale Coffeehouse at Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. On May 20 enjoy Steve Miller, always high energy and great fun; Dale Gibson and the Hurricajuns, described as more hilarity than should be allowed; and Chicks with Picks, you know, girls with guitars. For more information, call (623) 930-3573.

That Thursday Thing. Pull out your favorite fluffy slippers, put on your most comfy pajamas and bling up your wardrobe with a tiara as Downtown Glendale celebrates Girl’s Night Out with a Pajama Party & Tiara Party on May 21. Event hours are 5 to 8 p.m. The May event marks the final “That Thursday Thing” of the season, so don’t miss out!

Begin the fun at the Glendale Visitor Center, located at 5800 W. Glenn Drive, Suite 140, where you will receive a gift bag, event map and take a spin on the themed prize wheel. Live entertainment is located throughout Old Towne and Catlin Court.

The charity component for May is a new blanket and pajama drive to benefit local women’s organizations, adoption centers and the West Valley Child Crisis Center. New blankets and pajamas (women’s and children’s sizes) will be accepted at the Glendale Visitor Center. For more information, [click here](#) or call (623) 930-4500.

Summer Reading Program. Glendale Public Library’s annual free summer reading programs for children and teens begin on May 26. To register for the youth program, pick up a game board at the closest Glendale library. Teens can sign up online at www.glendaleaz.com/library/teen or at the library. The reading incentive programs end on July 25.

Sidewalk Stargazing for Everyone. “Sidewalk Stargazing” will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 1 in the auditorium of Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. Weather permitting, telescope and binocular viewing will follow the free program. Telescopes will be provided or attendees may bring their own viewing equipment. For more information about the free program, call (623) 930-3554.

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